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FUNCTIONAL UNDER CONDITIONS OF HIGH

INTRACELLULAR CALCIUM CONCENTRATION, METHODS

AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003 having a term that expired on March 24, 2004. A Petition for a one (1)-month Extension of Time to extend the time for response to the Official Action up to and including April 24, 2004, together with an authorization to charge the \$110.00 requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880, is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present patent application in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.